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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AT JANUARY 30 SPC MEETING, CANADIAN REP (ROY) NOTED THE CANADIAN VIEW THAT SPC SHOULD REVIEW CERTAIN IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF CSCE, AND NOTED THAT THE REPORT IN POLADS ON JANUARY 28 BY THE ITALIAN POLAD (FERRETTI) ON THE EC DUBLIN MEETING ONLY MADE A VERY BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE DUBLIN DISCUSSION ON CSCE FOLLOW-ON. CANADIAN REP REQUESTED THAT ITALY PROVIDE A MORE COMPLETE REPORT ON THE DISCUSSION OF THAT ISSUE, AT AN EARLY SPC MEETING.

2. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI), WHO WAS SITTING IN FOR REGULAR ITALIAN MEMBER ON SPC, ASSURED THE SPC THAT THE DUBLIN MEETING TOOK NO STEP WHICH WOULD MODIFY THE GENERAL ALLIED POSITION ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE, AND THAT THE EIGHT WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH THE OTHER ALLIES. CANADIAN REP REPLIED THAT IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE FEBRUARY 7 EXPERTS MEETING, THE NAC NEEDS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ARGUMENTS USED IN THE DUBLIN DISCUSSION OF CSCE FOLLOW-ON.

3. NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) SAID THAT THE EC SPOKESMAN COULD EXPLAIN TO THE OTHER ALLIES THE EC'S CONCLUSIONS, AND NEW PROPOSALS, BUT SHOULD NOT DESCRIBE NATIONAL POSITIONS AT INTERNAL EC DELIBERATIONS

CANADIAN REP STRESSED THAT CANADA WAS NOT INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE NATIONAL POSITIONS AT DUBLIN, BUT ONLY WHICH ARGUMENTS WERE USED.

4. TURKISH REP (TULUMEN) SAID HE SUPPORTED THE CANADIAN REP. HE SAID THAT NATO NO LONGER GETS THE DETAILED EC CONSULTATIONS WHICH IT USED TO GET, AND NON-EC ALLIES NOW ONLY HEAR THE OUTCOME OF EC DELIBERATIONS. HE SAID THE US IS SOMETIMES CRITICIZED FOR LACK OF CONSULTATIONS, BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO POINT OUT THAT OTHERS ARE NOT FULLY SATISFYING THEIR OBLIGATION TO CONSULT.

5. ITALIAN REP SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE TURKISH THESIS. HE AGREED WITH NETHERLANDS REP REGARDING INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE NINE, AND ANYTHING ELSE WOULD CONSTITUTE "UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE OF THE ALLIANCE" IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE EC.

6. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT PERMREPS OF EC COUNTRIES USED TO CONSULT WITH THE OTHER PERMREPS ON EC DELIBERATIONS AT INFORMAL CONCLAVE OF AMBASSADORS. IF SUCH MEETINGS HAVE NOT TAKEN PLACE LATELY, IT IS BECAUSE THE EIGHT NOW CONSULT THROUGH REGULAR NATO COMMITTEES, MOST RECENTLY IN POLADS. IF SOMEONE WERE NOT SATISFIED, PERHAPS THE PERMREPS COULD DISCUSS THIS AT AN UPCOMING PERMREPS LUNCH. HE SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO FURTHER DISCUSSION IN POLADS OR SPC OF CSCE FOLLOW-ON. FRENCH REP (NARICH) SAID HE WANTED TO SUPPORT THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE ITALIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES. NORWEGIAN REP (SELMER) SAID HE BELIEVED THAT NORWAY WAS NOT DISSATISFIED WITH THE BRIEFING IN POLADS ON JANUARY 28.

7. COMMENT: CANADIAN DELEGATION OFFIER STRESSED TO US PRIVATELY THAT CANADA ONLY WANTED TO KNOW THE ARGUMENTS USED AT DUBLIN. HE REGRETTEED THAT SOME DELEGATIONS MISUNDERSTOOD THISTO MEAN AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE NATIONS USING THOSE ARGUMENTS AT DUBLIN, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD BRISTLED THE ITALIAN REP. HE DOUBTED NOW THAT THERE WOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 7 NAC MEETING. MISSION CONSIDERS THIS INCIDENT UNFORTUNATE, SINCE WE JUDGED THE JANUARY 28 BRIEFING AND THE ITALIAN REP'S OFFER TO RESPOND TO ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, A FAIRLY GOOD CONSULTATION--AT LEAST AS COMPARED TO WHAT THE ALLIANCE HAD BECOME USED TO DURING THE FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP. BRUCE

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